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#### (U) CALIFORNIA

##### (U) Elk Grove – Uber Driver Leads Elk Grove Police to Child Sex Trafficking

(U) An Uber driver called police on Monday evening about possible prostitution activity at a hotel after driving a 16-year-old girl and two women to the hotel, according to investigators. When officers arrived, they arrested three people in connection with the sex trafficking of a 16-year-old girl who had been reported as a missing person, according to police. The three suspects arrested face a variety of charges, including rape, human trafficking, and conspiracy.

SOURCE: 28 December 2016, [KCRA](#), [Fox 40](#)

##### (U) Pasadena – Rose Parade Plans More Barriers in Wake of Truck Terrorism in Europe

(U) Pasadena police plan to use parked patrol cars and heavy, water-filled barricades at key crossings along the 5.5-mile Tournament of Roses parade route in response to recent terrorist attacks that used trucks as weapons. The barriers will be placed at more than 50 intersections along the route. More than 1,000 police officers, including many in plain clothes, and dozens of bomb-sniffing dogs will work the parade route, according to police. Pasadena Police Chief Phillip L. Sanchez told reporters there was no known threat to the parade, the Rose Bowl Game or the city of Pasadena.

SOURCE: 28 December 2016, [Los Angeles Times](#), [Yahoo News](#)

#### (U) NATIONAL

##### (U) Florida – Three New Confirmed Cases of Zika in Miami-Dade County

(U) Miami – Florida health officials confirmed three new locally acquired cases of the Zika virus in Miami-Dade County yesterday. All three cases had symptom onset dates in October, according to the Florida Department of Health. Although Governor Scott announced on 9 December that the final remaining Zika zone in the state had been lifted, the Florida Department of Health is now warning that the battle over Zika is not over. Health officials said they were investigating where exactly exposure occurred with respect to the new cases, but added that Florida still does not have any identified areas with active Zika transmission.

SOURCE: 28 December 2016, [Miami Patch](#)

##### (U) New Hampshire – No Hacker Skills Required for Health and Human Services Data Breach

(U) Concord – A recent data breach that compromised 15,000 patient records in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) did not require any special computer skills on the part of the patient suspected of the breach. The information was readily accessible on the computer used by patients at the state's psychiatric hospital. Some of the personal information from DHHS internal files were posted on social media, including names, addresses, Social Security numbers and Medicaid identification numbers. DHHS believe that the computer used to gain access was configured in a way that allowed the individual to gain access to private information.

SOURCE: 28 December 2016, [New Hampshire Union Leader](#)

**(U) New York –Fentanyl Outpaces Heroin as the Deadliest Drug on Long Island**

(U) Long Island – An anesthetic commonly used for surgery has surpassed heroin to become the deadliest drug on Long Island, killing at least 220 people there in 2016, according to medical examiners' records. The numbers from Long Island are part of a national pattern, as fentanyl fatalities have surpassed those from heroin in other parts of the country. More than 1,000 people are expected to die from drug overdoses in New York this year, according to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Nearly half of all unintentional drug overdoses in the city since July have involved fentanyl, according to the health department. Because fentanyl can be manufactured in a lab, it is much cheaper and easier than cultivating heroin.

SOURCE: 28 December 2016, [New York Times](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Australia – Police Seize 1102 Pounds of Cocaine in Record-Breaking Bust**

(U) Sydney – Australia police ended a two-and-a-half year drug investigation on Christmas day by busting a cartel and seizing 1102 pounds of cocaine. Police seized 1336 pounds of cocaine earlier this year, which combined with the Christmas day haul, is worth about \$259 million and is Australia's largest bust from a single cartel. Police believe the cocaine was smuggled into Australia via Sydney, on commercial fishing boats. The operation was a joint effort between Australian Federal Police, New South Wales Police and Australia's Border Force.

SOURCE: 29 December 2016, [CNN](#)

**(U) Russia – Authorities Arrest Seven Suspects Accused of Plotting New Year's Attack**

(U) Makhachkala – Russia's security agencies have arrested seven people suspected of preparing New Year's attacks in Moscow on orders from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). The suspects were arrested by Russia's domestic security and counter-terrorism agency, the FSB, in the North Caucasus province of Dagestan. Russian authorities believe they were preparing to attack crowded areas with automatic weapons and explosives.

SOURCE: 29 December 2016, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) United Kingdom – InterContinental Investigates Possible Payment Card Breach**

(U) Denham – The InterContinental Hotels Group is currently investigating claims of a possible payment card breach at some of its hotels in the US. A pattern of fraud on customer credit and debit cards suggested a breach at some InterContinental properties, particularly at Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express hotels. The group has hired a computer security firm to help with the investigation and will continue to work with the payment card networks, according to the InterContinental. Four months ago the InterContinental's Kimpton Hotels and Restaurants found a malware attack on servers that processed payment cards used at some of its hotels.

SOURCE: 29 December 2016, [Reuters, CNBC](#)

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